



#### **Media Release**

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# **APL unveils dates and fixtures for Unite Round 2024/25**

- Unite Round 2024/25 to be held in Sydney on 22-24 November, 2024.
- Marquee fixtures headline football feast at Leichhardt Oval & Allianz Stadium.
- Full season club members to be able to access complimentary tickets.

**Thursday 18 July, 2024:** The Australian Professional Leagues (APL) has today unveiled the dates, venues and fixtures for Unite Round 2024/25.

The Liberty A-League Women and Isuzu UTE A-League Men will descend on Sydney, the major events capital of Asia Pacific, across the weekend of 22-24 November, 2024. Unite Round 2024/25 has been moved earlier in the season and will see fans from across the country come together in the Harbour City, with all fixtures to be played across two hubs at Leichhardt Oval and Allianz Stadium.

Leichhardt Oval will host a football feast for the family with six Liberty A-League Women matches across Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The hero fixtures kick off with Western Sydney Wanderers taking on Brisbane Roar on Friday night, before an Elimination Final rematch between the Central Coast Mariners and Melbourne Victory on Saturday afternoon. A Grand Final replay will round out the weekend with Champions Sydney FC facing Premiers Melbourne City on Sunday afternoon.

Simultaneously, Allianz Stadium is set to create one of the most unique atmospheres in Australian sport as it hosts all six Isuzu UTE A-League Men matches. The marquee match-ups kick off with an F3 Derby on Friday night between Newcastle Jets and the Central Coast Mariners, before one of the biggest rivalries in the country headlines Saturday night with Sydney FC taking on the Western Sydney Wanderers. Sunday afternoon will then see a Semi Final replay with Wellington Phoenix up against Melbourne Victory.

In an added boost, all Full Season Club Members will gain free access to their club's Isuzu UTE A-League Men and Liberty A-League Women double-header matches. Tickets are set to go on sale in August, with details on what and how each home and away club member can access tickets to be released shortly.

It has also been confirmed that grassroots activity will take place across Unite Round 2024/25, with the Girls Unite Gala Days returning to Leichhardt Oval, along with schools and grassroots activities in the Moore Park area close to Allianz Stadium. More details are set to be shared on these events in the coming weeks.

Commenting on Unite Round 2024/25, A-Leagues Commissioner Nick Garcia said: "We've taken on board feedback from fans, clubs and partners and have made a few changes to make Unite Round 2024/25 bigger and better.





"Marquee match-ups will headline each day across two distinct hubs; Leichhardt Oval for all six Liberty A-League Women fixtures, and Allianz Stadium for the Isuzu UTE A-League Men. We've also ensured clubs' men's and women's teams play on different days to make it easier for fans to attend both matches of their favourite clubs, while a longer lead time will give fans more opportunity to plan their travel to Sydney.

"We're currently busy working through details of the supporting events and grassroots activities to add to the overall fan experience, as well as working with clubs on special ticket deals for club members. We'll be announcing these in collaboration with clubs, including dates for tickets on sale, in the coming weeks."

A-Leagues Unite Round 2024/25 is supported by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

Minister for Jobs and Tourism, John Graham said: "The inaugural A-Leagues Unite Round created history as the first sporting code in Australia to celebrate a full men's and women's round in a single city. I'm pleased to hear about the program changes that ensure A-League women and men's clubs play on different days, so fans can watch both matches from their clubs. As the nation's home of football, we look forward to welcoming Australia's football family to Sydney for a true celebration of the world game."

Sydney offers something for everyone - dynamic multicultural neighbourhoods, golden beaches and National Parks, exciting and innovative dining and retail, continually evolving arts and cultural offerings and an action-packed calendar of world-class events. To plan your Sydney trip, visit sydney.com

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### **Notes to Editor**

#### **Unite Round 2024/25 Fixtures:**

## Liberty A-League Women - Leichhardt Oval

- Adelaide United vs Wellington Phoenix, Friday 22 November (twilight)
- Western Sydney Wanderers vs Brisbane Roar, Friday 22 November (night)
- Newcastle Jets vs Western United, Saturday 23 November (afternoon)
- Central Coast Mariners vs Melbourne Victory, Saturday 23 November (afternoon)
- Canberra United vs Perth Glory, Sunday 24 November (afternoon)
- Sydney FC vs Melbourne City, Sunday 24 November (afternoon)

### Isuzu UTE A-League Men - Allianz Stadium

- Perth Glory vs Western United, Friday 22 November (twilight)
- Newcastle Jets vs Central Coast Mariners, Friday 22 November (night)
- Brisbane vs Adelaide, Saturday 23 November (twilight)
- Sydney FC vs Western Sydney Wanderers, Saturday 23 November (night)
- Wellington Phoenix vs Melbourne Victory, Sunday 24 November (afternoon)
- Macarthur FC vs Auckland FC, Sunday 24 November (afternoon)

<sup>\*</sup>Melbourne City to have a bye





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## **About A-Leagues:**

The A-Leagues represent the pinnacle of professional football in Australia, comprising Isuzu UTE A-League Men's, Liberty A-League Women's and E-league competitions. The 2024/25 season will see 13 clubs in the Isuzu UTE A-League Men and 12 in Liberty A-League Women.

The A-Leagues, operated by Australian Professional Leagues (APL), is delivering against its bold ambition to develop top-tier professional football talent in Australia, drive engagement across the leagues and to build on football's undisputed position as the country's most popular participation sport.